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CHINA.

*Report from Hongkong—Condition of cholera and plague—Dengue epidemic.*HONGKONG, CHINA, *July 23, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the abstract of bills of health issued at this station during the week ended July 19, 1902.

Seven vessels were inspected during the week, 522 individuals were bathed at the disinfecting station, and 609 bundles of clothing and bedding were disinfected by steam.

The cholera situation in this city continues favorable, 6 cases and 5 deaths having been reported during the week. Information received from the United States consuls in southern China ports indicate that the decline of the disease is general throughout their districts. Reports from north China continue to be very unfavorable. No less than 90 foreigners have died of the disease in the city of Shanghai alone since the beginning of the epidemic at that port. The plague situation continues to improve, and it is safe to say that the worst of the present epidemic is over. There were 21 cases and 20 deaths reported during the week. This makes a total of 456 cases and 442 deaths thus far this year. Two cases of enteric fever and 1 death were also reported. The colony has again been visited by a widespread epidemic of dengue. The disease is interesting because of the rapid extension and because of the characteristic clinical signs.

Respectfully,

JOHN W. KERR,
Assistant Surgeon.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

HONGKONG, CHINA, *July 29, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith an abstract of the bills of health issued at this station during the week ended July 26, 1902.

Eleven vessels were inspected during the week, 671 individuals were bathed at the disinfecting station, and 765 bundles of clothing and bedding were disinfected by steam.

The cholera situation in this colony remains about the same, 8 cases and 7 deaths having been reported during the week. Of this number 6 were Chinese, 1 was an European, and 1 was a Japanese. There was a slight increase in the number of plague cases, 33 cases and 29 deaths having been reported. The cases all occurred among the lower class Chinese population. One case of enteric fever was also reported during the week. The epidemic of dengue still continues unabated in the city. Information received from the United States consul at Canton states that more than 50 per cent of the foreign population of that city is at present suffering with dengue, that cholera has subsided, and that plague, sporadic in form, prevails in the city and suburbs.

Respectfully,

JOHN W. KERR,
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COLOMBIA.

*Weekly report of conditions and transactions at Bocas del Toro—Fruit port.*BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, *August 26, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended August 25, 1902:

Population according to census, not obtainable. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of